

## MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

R-66-3-03 APPROVED

### RESOLUTION TO PLACE A PROPOSITION TO AMEND THE ANN ARBOR CITY CHARTER SECTION GOVERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR ELECTED OFFICE ON THE NOVEMBER 4, 2003 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

Whereas, Section 12.2 of the City Charter currently reads:

#### **Eligibility for City Office-General Qualifications**

SECTION 12.2. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, a person is eligible to hold a City office if the person has been a registered elector of the City, or of territory annexed to the City or both, and, in the case of a Council Member, a resident of the ward from which elected, for at least one year immediately preceding election or appointment. This requirement may be waived as to appointive officers by resolution concurred in by not less than seven members of the Council.

; and

**Whereas**, Fewer restrictions on holding office are more consistent with open and democratic government;

**RESOLVED**, That the following amended charter provision be placed on the ballot and submitted to the voters at the next general city election:

#### **Eligibility for City Elective Office-General Qualifications**

SECTION 12.2. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, a person is eligible to hold a City elective office if, at the time of election or appointment to that office, the person is a registered elector of the City and, in the case of a Council Member, of the ward from which election is sought or appointment is made. A person is eligible to hold public appointive office as a volunteer if that person is a resident of the City. The residency requirement may be waived as to volunteer appointive officers by resolution concurred in by not less than seven members of the Council.

**RESOLVED**, That November 4, 2003, be designated as the day for holding an election on the proposed Charter amendment;

**RESOLVED**, That the Clerk shall transmit a copy of the proposed amendment to the Attorney General and the Governor of Michigan and shall perform all other acts required by the law for holding the election;

**RESOLVED**, That the proposed Charter amendment shall appear on the ballot in the following form, which includes the statement of purpose:

ANN ARBOR CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT ESTABLISHING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTED AND VOLUNTEER APPOINTED OFFICES  
Shall the Charter be amended to replace the requirement that the Mayor and Council Members be registered electors in the City at the time of election and that Council Members be residents in their wards for one year prior to their election, with a requirement that the Mayor and Council Members be registered electors of the City, and the Council Members of their wards, on the date they are elected or appointed to office, to require that volunteer appointed officers be residents rather than registered electors in the City, and to eliminate the requirement that paid appointed officers be registered electors?  
\_YES \_NO

; and

**RESOLVED**, That the proposed Charter amendment and proposed ballot question, shall be published in full not fewer than two times in the Ann Arbor News.

Council Member Lowenstein moved, seconded by Council Member Teall that the resolution be adopted.

On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.